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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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IAN M. PENN, ET AL.	)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. The copy of JP 6-41745, along with the translation, and all of the non-patent documents including "A New Expandable Metallic Stent For Dilatation of Stenotic Tubular Structures: Experimental And Clinical Evaluation" by C. Charnsangavej, et al. and marked "Company Confidential" were obtained from the file history for U.S. Published Application 2002/0052646.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), an information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed after the period specified in paragraph (b) of this section,

provided that the information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by one of: (1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p). Therefore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 the fee of \$180.00 which is set forth in § 1.17(p). Also, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be deemed to be appropriate or to provide any refunds in connection with this paper to the same Deposit Account. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202)-625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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